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I just find it difficult to believe that given what's known about pedophilia that they would allow this to happen and be so lacking in control that

comment when reached at Our Lady's Hall yesterday, referring calls to Morrissey. Paquin, 59, who lives in

setts, New Hampshire, Maine, Vermont and Canada. The alleged victim, who is now 26, said he was first intro-

it is also used as a criterion for priests who have been removed from parishes following allegations of sexual abuse.

a "grave offense against God's children." Vatican officials said John

United States. Sex abuse cases have also cost millions in settlements.

Allowing groundfish stocks to rebound would lead to bigger yields, report says

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON — New federal data on the Atlantic groundfish population indicates that three times more fish could be pulled from Northeast waters if the fisheries are allowed to rebound completely.

The report, presented yesterday to the New England Fishery Management Council, used new methods of analysis to gauge the potential population of the 19 species of groundfish in the Northeast.

"It provides a very strong analytical basis that if you let the fish stay out there and get bigger and stay in the spawning population, we're going to get a much bigger yield of new fish than has been possible," said Teri Frady, spokeswoman for the National Marine Fisheries Service.

The report found that current fishing rates, in some in-

stances, are well below what could be fished if stocks rebound. The 2001 take represented only 36 percent of the potential size of the take for all the species, if they rebound as projected.

"If these stocks are rebuilt, you can catch almost three times as much, and the stock is not overfished," Frady said.

The results showed that for eight species, future catches can be larger if stocks are rebuilt. Takes of five stocks could be smaller, and the remaining six — including Georges Bank Cod — should stay the same, according to the report.

The report is part of a routine reanalysis of the projection for the total population — or biomass — of the various varieties of fish in the Northeast.

"It's silent on matters of policy. It's in line with our routine responsibility to provide the

most accurate information we can about stock," Frady said.

The analyses were conducted by 12 scientists from the Northeast Fisheries Science Center and six experts from outside the center.

Federal regulators have been under the gun since January, when a federal judge in Washington ruled that New England fishery managers have defied a Congressional mandate to rebuild fish stocks.

In that ruling released in January, U.S. District Court judge Gladys Kessler, citing the government's "record of inaction and delay," agreed with conservation groups who sued the government, charging that regulators didn't follow laws to restore depleted groundfish stocks, including cod and flounder.

Frady said that yesterday's report will help federal officials.



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Dave Dickerson, U.S. EPA, One Congress Street, Suite 1100 (HBO), Boston, MA 02114

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